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A LETTER FROM DR. MEEK IN ALASKA WRITTEN TO A NEPHEW, DESCRIBING TO HIM NATIVE DRESS AND CUSTOMS.

Government Hospital Akiaik, Alaska. February 5th, 1922.

Several weeks ago on a very warm day after a warm rain one of the little native children, a patient, who had been at school came in with some sticks in her hand. She pulled off the outer coverings and now, standing on my desk, is a bunch of pretty pussy-willows. It seems like spring except that these same willows outside are covered with a heavy hoar frost and there is about six inches of snow but, altogether, the winter has been exceedingly fine. Wish you could have been with us on the trip for I know you would have enjoyed every minute of it as I did.

There is a wireless station here, put up last year, but they cannot make it work. The man who is here now and who ought to be able to make it go does not seem to know much about trouble in that outfit so it still stands "dead." If it were working I would send you a message from here but under existing circumstances I would be obliged to send the message across the tundra to Holy Cross, a five day's trip by dog team, and have it sent out from there. Yes! I know you would enjoy not only that station but the many unusual things to be seen here. You spoke of Penn State playing at Seattle, and a friend from there sent me the score, both your letter and the score coming the same day; so I did not have to wait, like a continued story in a magazine, to know the end but just read the letters of early date first and the events came along as they should.

I have been wondering whether you would enjoy "mushing" dogs—but whether "yes" or "no" it is the only way to get around here and the dogs are such fun except when they get into a big fight. You drive along gaily, yelling "gee" when wishing to go to right and "ha" for left, and all seems most serene. But a bird or a herd of reindeer is scented and up go heads and tails and off go the dogs after that alluring scent! You get on the brake, yell yourself hoarse trying to stop that runaway team—what's the use? On they go, and if the country is clear enough, you will probably land, after a while, some place miles away from the trail, your team tired out, and back you start; but if the scent led into timber or over "nigger heads" the sled and harness are most likely broken and you want to cuss. The dogs, however, all wag their tails and you just can't whip them too hard. The only one to get whipped is the leader and he must take the punishment for his entire team.

One of the curious things to me is the way they are fed. All are kept chained to posts and once a day a dried salmon is thrown them. Some are watered twice a day, but often they are allowed to eat snow; thus you see what small care they get.

The native dress is surely not artistic but is quite picturesque. A parka, like a night shirt, with a hood on it, made of squirrel skins, with a band of wolverine about the face. The mukluks, that at first looked big and clumsy to me, are made by the native women. They take a heavy hide called love-tak, shaped like the sole of the foot, and, about the edges, bit little plaits into it to make it curve up like a slipper. Onto this they sew a high top of hair sealskin or reindeer skin with the hair outside and, fastening at the back at either side of the heel, a thong of rawhide that passes across the foot and is tied at the back of the ankle. These are of two lengths, one to the knee, one to mid-thigh, and, as the parka comes to the knee, the wearer is indeed covered with skin.

As the white man has adopted this same style of dress, at a short distance, one does not know whether it is a native or white or a man or woman who is approaching. But, if native, I warn you there are many things besides a human under that covering. Such dirty humans! Ugh! Cooties of all varieties—and every native has them! I am scratching just from remembering the crawlers on a bandage I took off a man's knee this morning.

I have seen no seal-skin except that of the hair-seal—coarse stuff like a wire-haired dog. All the fur garments are mink, reindeer or squirrel; some wear beaver but it is not as warm and light as some of the other furs and so is not in such demand. Marten seems to be the most highly prized fur here. Men have their caps made of it or of summer ermine, which is of a light

brown color and very light and warm. You would expect skating here but there is no ice until toward spring when the snow melts on the river-ice and then, freezing, affords opportunity for some skating.

The other night there was a little dance. The cabin across the river has a nice floor in it and, although not much larger than a ten-cent piece, a good phonograph and many willing dancers made an interesting sight for an uninitiated onlooker. It was a motley crowd—half-breeds and whites, some in "outside" shoes but most in muk-luks; men in shirt sleeves—good-looking, dark, woolen shirts; women in sweaters and skirts while the native girls had on fur parkas and the "breeds" educated in Washington (near Seattle) wore blue sailor suits. An aceto lamp, that makes a very brilliant light, a Sonora music box and oh! I assure you, it was a brilliant picture.

I have been getting off the food order for next year since, if one wants to eat next year, the order must be sent in this February mail so that the food may be brought back by the first boat in—about July 20th. One uses cans and cans of everything. There are gardens here but no one started one last year for the hospital here we have had no fresh vegetables, except potatoes. If possible, we will try to get one started this year.

Thanks for your newsy letter. You ask to have an Eskimo girl write to you. Do you know how like Japs the Alaskan native looks? Add to that an intelligence of about the fifth grade in school and I believe you would better enjoy a letter from me but I promise to write a more interesting one next time.

With best wishes, ELOISE MEEK.

Show Shoe People Deny Attempt to Force Confession.

Six weeks ago the "Watchman" published the fact of the arrest of John Andy Lesko, of Clarence, on information believed to incriminate him with the murder committed four years ago, or on March 18th, 1918, when Joe Berbitzky was killed in a free for all fight at the home of John Zadosky, in Clarence. Lesko is president of the local miner's union at Clarence and two weeks ago an article appeared in the Penn Central News, a mine laborer's paper published in Cambria county, charging that Lesko is being made the victim of a plot to wreck the miner's union at Clarence. The article charged conspiracy on the part of David Chambers, Father Palfy, and others in an endeavor to force Lesko to confess that he had killed Berbitzky.

Immediately following the publication of the item Mr. Lesko and his wife, Mrs. Mary Lesko, made affidavits that no one had ever attempted to force Mr. Lesko to admit that he had committed the murder. And in support of their statement both Father Palfy and David Chambers made affidavits that they did not at any time attempt to influence Lesko's declarations in any way whatever. That in any and every talk they had with him they admonished him to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

While the "Watchman" has no knowledge whatever of the guilt or innocence of Mr. Lesko, who is now a prisoner in the Centre county jail, it is of the opinion that all the newspaper publicity that has been given the case is for mercenary purposes on the one side and through political motives on the other; and the seal of condemnation should be put on both by every intelligent reader. Mr. Lesko is under arrest charged with a most serious offense against humanity. He is within the shadow of the death chair, or at least a long term of imprisonment in the penitentiary, and it is unthinkable that his unfortunate position should be made the means of bolstering up any organization or furthering the political ambition of any individual.

Belleville Boy Scout News.

At our meeting last Friday evening we had scout drilling on the commons back of the school house. After this we went into the club room under the Episcopal church, where we listened to Dr. Dale's second lecture on first aid. Then we had the compass test, a part of the second-class scout test, in the parish house. Most of us passed. When this was over we went back to the club room and were told that we would have a hike Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. On the hike we took our breakfast, which each scout cooked. At our stopping place we practiced the semaphore signaling, another part of the second-class scout test. The troop has over \$200 for uniforms. They are to be ordered this week. We are glad the Boalsburg troop is going to play baseball with us. When they have practiced enough to meet our team we hope they will arrange a date. Please don't forget about odd jobs.

DAVID GEISS, Scribe.

The best job work can be had at the "Watchman" office.

EISENHAUER.—Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Eisenhauer, wife of Joseph Eisenhauer, died at her home at Kylerstown last Wednesday, following a brief illness, aged seventy-five years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart Viehdorfer, of Burnside township, and was married to Mr. Eisenhauer in Belleville fifty-nine years ago. Her husband and ten children survive. Burial was made at the Cooper settlement on Monday.

McMILLEN.—Major C. G. McMillen, who upwards of forty years ago was landlord of the Brockerhoff house, Belleville, passed away at his home in Dayton, Ohio, last Thursday afternoon following an illness of four months with a complication of diseases.

He was born in Dayton about seventy-five years ago. He grew to manhood in that town and during the Civil war served as a drummer boy in an Ohio regiment. Returning from the war he located in his home town and in due course of time branched out as a hotelman, taking charge of the old Neil house at Columbus, Ohio. From there he came to Belleville about forty years ago and became landlord of the Brockerhoff house. He remained there some six or eight years and under his management that well known hotel acquired a reputation that was state-wide. Always suave and courteous Major McMillen had the knack of attracting to his hotel a large clientele and the result was a season of unremitting prosperity. The Brockerhoff house was a favorite stopping place for theatrical people and along in 1886 or '87 Mr. McMillen became imbued with the idea that big money could be made on the road and he organized the South Carolina Troubadors, composed mostly of ladies and gentlemen of color, of Belleville, who imagined themselves artists. Elaborate preparations were made for a triumphal tour and after a tryout in the old Humes opera house the company started out on the road but in less than a week the Troubadors trooped back home and Major McMillen's dream failed of realization.

On leaving Belleville Major McMillen returned to Dayton, Ohio, and engaged in the hotel business. He at once became active in the political and civic affairs of that city with the result that he was elected mayor of Dayton in 1892 and again in 1894. He introduced many reforms which won the admiration of the taxpayers of that city. Mr. McMillen acquired his title as Major through his connection with the National Guard of Ohio. Some twelve years ago he acquired ownership of the hotel he had previously conducted and he promptly renamed it "The Giddings."

Major McMillen always took an active interest in fraternal organizations. He was one of the founders of the Hotel Clerks' association and the dean of its membership. He was a member of the Greeters of America, the Ohio State Hotel Men's association, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights Templar and the United Commercial Travelers.

During the thirty or more years since he left Belleville he had been a frequent visitor here, his last journey being made the latter part of last summer. At that time he was showing the weight of passing years but was as young in spirit as he was in his palmy days when a resident of Belleville.

He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Ella Gebhart, and one daughter, Mrs. Roxy McMillen More. Burial was made in the Woodlawn cemetery at Dayton on Monday afternoon.

DORWORTH.—Mrs. May Louise Dorworth, wife of William J. Dorworth, of Baltimore, died at the Woman's hospital in that city on Sunday morning following a few day's illness with meningitis. Her maiden name was Mary Louise Cator, a daughter of Mrs. Anne Street Cator and she was born at Greensboro, N. C., March 15th, 1881. On June 21st, 1911, she married Mr. Dorworth and all their married life had been spent in Baltimore. Mrs. Dorworth had visited on various occasions with her husband's mother and sisters in Belleville. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, William and Anne. She also leaves her mother and one brother, John S. Burial was made on Tuesday morning at Greensboro, N. C. Charles E. Dorworth, of Belleville, a brother of the bereaved husband, was in attendance at the funeral.

KEMERER.—Mrs. Fred Kemerer passed away at the Williamsport hospital on Sunday evening following an operation performed the Monday previous. She was a daughter of Andrew and Barbara Mott and was born at Roopsburg, this county, about fifty-six years ago. Her girlhood life was spent in the vicinity of Belleville but after her marriage to Mr. Kemerer they took up their residence in Williamsport. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children, Clarence, of Hartleton; Mrs. John Mertz and Mrs. Gust Forton, at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Tillie Haviland, of Lock Haven; and Mrs. Theresa Legge, of Williamsport.

Funeral services were held in the Church of Annunciation at Williamsport at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which burial was made in the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

BRENNEN.—Alice Cooney Brennen, widow of Thomas Brennen, died at her home in Pittsburgh last Monday afternoon, after a long illness. Deceased was a daughter of Lawrence and Mary Cooney and was born in Belleville, where she grew to womanhood. After her marriage to Mr. Brennen they went to Pittsburgh to make their home. He died there very suddenly only two weeks ago.

She was a sister of Mrs. Joseph Fox and Martin Cooney of this place. Interment was made in Pittsburgh yesterday morning.

CORL.—Ferguson township lost another of its well known citizens in the death on Sunday of W. K. Corl, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Peter Corl, at Pine Hall. Some time last December he injured one of his fingers and blood poisoning developed. He later went to the Glenn sanatorium, at State College, and submitted to one or two operations. After six weeks at the sanatorium he seemed so much improved that he left there and went to the home of his mother and for a brief time there was hope of a permanent recovery. But complications developed which his physician was unable to check and his condition again became serious. Sunday morning it became evident that the end was near and members of his family were summoned to his bedside. He passed away at 7:20 o'clock that evening.

William Klechner Corl was a son of Peter and Barbara Reish Corl and was born at Pine Hall on April 26th, 1863, hence was 59 years and 4 days old. His entire life was spent within a few miles of the place of his birth. He stuck to the farm and in due time became the owner of one of the finest farms in the White Hall region. While his principal talents were devoted to the cultivation of the soil he was broadminded enough to realize that making a living was not all of life, and he at all times manifested a personal interest in the affairs of his home community. He was a member and past master of Washington Grange, a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Odd Fellows; was one of the organizers of the Centre county Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association and was especially interested in the public schools in his locality. In 1916 he organized the Citizens band, of Ferguson township, and had been its leader ever since. During the world war he had made its appearance on every patriotic occasion and only recently he requested the members to begin practice for Memorial day. He was a life-long member of the Pine Hall Reformed church, and an elder for a number of years. He also officiated as choir leader, was superintendent and teacher of a class in the Sunday school. Truly can it be said of him that his life was filled with good works and he will reap the reward of the faithful.

On March 10th, 1887, he married Miss Etta Garner, who survives with the following children: Waldo Corl, of White Hall; Grover C. and Clayton, of State College; Mrs. Maude Fry, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Mrs. Bertha Reed, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Vida Musser, of State College R. F. D.; Albert, Fred, Brooks, Newman, Florence, Esther and Robert, at home. He also leaves his aged mother and these brothers and sisters: J. Clayton, of Pine Grove Mills; Samuel, Otis, Milford, Alvin, J. Matthew, Mrs. D. H. Kreps and Mrs. Charles Strouse, all of State College R. F. D., and Miss Cora, at home.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at Pine Hall at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery. Six sons of the deceased carried the remains to their final resting place.

McGIRK.—Miss Henrietta McGirk, of Belleville, died at the Danville hospital at four o'clock on Monday morning. She had been ill since last September and her condition gradually growing worse she was taken to the Danville hospital on Tuesday of last week for observation but her condition was such that she was beyond human aid.

She was a daughter of H. F. and Alice Dale McGirk and was born on the Branch, on January 9th, 1891, hence was in her thirty-second year. When a child her parents moved to Altoona and she was educated in the public schools of that city, graduating at the High school. She later taught school in Ferguson township but several years ago went to Philadelphia where she spent a year or more as a clerk in the banking department of Gimble's store. She returned home about two years ago and last summer accepted a clerkship in the First National bank, at State College, but after a few weeks was compelled to resign on account of her health.

She is survived by her parents and two brothers, Forrest D. and Willard M., both of Altoona. She was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. Wilson P. Ard had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her late home, the remains being taken to Boalsburg for interment.

BUTTLES.—Mrs. Sara Buttles, only surviving sister of Mrs. M. A. B. Boal, died at the Boal home, at Boalsburg, at six-thirty Tuesday evening, after a long illness. Miss Buttles, who was a daughter of Judge Buttles, was born in Ohio eighty-two years ago, but lived the after part of her life with her sister, Mrs. Theodore Davis, in Washington, D. C., coming to make her home with Mrs. Boal upon the death of Mrs. Davis ten years ago. Miss Buttles had been an invalid for three years, the result of a broken hip, and her passing came after a gradual loss of strength, never having recovered from the accident. She was a woman whom every one near her loved and admired, always a Christian, and interested only in those things that were for the betterment of humanity.

Private interment was made Thursday afternoon at five o'clock, in the Boal mausoleum on the estate at Boalsburg.

"State College Night" in Washington.

By Julia C. Gray.

Thursday evening, April 20th, was "State College night" at the spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of Washington, held in the large ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. Sixteen hundred persons were present, including members of the Congressional delegation, 200 Pennsylvania delegates to the D. A. R. convention, members of Penn State alumni and former faculty members.

The guests of honor at this meeting were Dr. John M. Thomas, president of Penn State, and Hugo Bezdek, athletic director and former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who were also the principal speakers of the evening. The State College male quartet gave a number of vocal selections and the Keystone orchestra supplied the music for the dance which followed the reception.

For the first time in the history of this society, members of Congress composed the entire receiving line, as this part of the program hitherto has been left to the ladies of the social set. These members were: Kelly, Wyant, Kendall, Bixler, Germer, Kline, Watson, Rose, Shreve, Coughlin, Crago and Walters. The floor committee, composed of resident alumni of the college were: J. B. Wycoff, H. R. Brown, E. W. Smith, F. B. Story, G. W. Adair, C. N. Keyser, J. W. Adams, J. O. Reed, H. D. Robb, H. J. Patterson, J. C. Metzger and H. C. Reese.

Representative M. Clyde Kelly, president of the society, opened the meeting by giving a brief review of the history of Penn State, which he termed the crowning achievement of the public school system in Pennsylvania.

Hugo Bezdek, in his talk, compared the spirit of the east and west as shown by the lovers of sport, predicted a great athletic future for Penn State, and in closing announced that the State College football eleven would play the Navy team in Washington November 4th, if arrangements could be made.

President Thomas made a strong plea for an endowment that would permit every Pennsylvania boy and girl who desired an education to come to State College and obtain it. Under present conditions, he said, he is obliged to stand at the college entrance and send students back home because there are not the facilities with which to take care of them. No boy nor girl in this country, Dr. Thomas declared, should be barred from a collegiate education because of financial reasons.

Seldom has a meeting of any state organization of Washington rivaled in splendor and numbers that of the Pennsylvania Society of Washington on "State College night."

Among those present were Mrs. Sparks, wife of Dr. E. E. Sparks, former president of The Pennsylvania State College, and Miss Ethel Cotton Sparks, their daughter, who served as one of the platform pages at the D. A. R. convention.

On Friday evening, April 21st, at Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, D. C., Representative Evan J. Jones and Mrs. Jones celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a small dinner party, having as house guests Mrs. Melissa Evans and Mrs. Sears, of Hollidaysburg, Pa. Arthur, Ned and Jack, three of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jones attended the dinner, Mr. Paul Jones, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, being unable to attend.

Dr. Emory Hunt, president of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., made a brief address on Saturday afternoon, April 22nd, at the exercises of the laying of the corner stone, in Washington, D. C., of the national memorial to Roger Williams and religious liberty. Dr. Hunt is chairman of the Northern Baptist Convention committee on the memorial. Secretary of State Hughes, the principal speaker of the occasion, placed the first trowel of mortar.

The "Watchman" this week received a letter from Miss Helen O'Reilly, of Philadelphia, calling attention to several inaccuracies in the notice of the death of her mother published in this paper two weeks ago. Her maiden name was Eleanor Furey and she was forty-one years old. In the list of survivors given the name of one brother, Lewis Furey, of Binghamton, N. Y., was omitted. The remains were buried in Philadelphia instead of Lock Haven.

Business is improving at all the lime industries in the neighborhood of Belleville, and new men are being taken on every week.

Only eighteen more days until the close of the public schools of Belleville, and then the kiddies will have a long vacation.

Bucknell defeated the State College baseball team, at State College last Saturday, by the score of 4 to 2.

Marriage Licenses.

Ernest R. Benner, Belleville, and Sarah B. Zettle, Centre Hall. Ora W. Seeley, Philadelphia, and Stella P. Bathgate, Lemont. Ralph E. Hosterman, Millheim, and Florence A. Kerstetter, Coburn. Henry H. Muirhead and Verna L. Grubb, Belleville.

BIRTHS.

Snyder—On April 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Snyder, of Belleville, a daughter.

Confair—On April 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Confair, of Belleville, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth.

Richard—On April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Richard, of Belleville, a son, Charles William.

Spicer—On April 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Toner A. Spicer, of Belleville, a daughter.

Hockenberry—On April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hockenberry Jr., a daughter Theresa Bernice.

Spearly—On April 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Spearly, of Spring township, a daughter, Betty.

Mesullo—On April 5, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mesullo, of Belleville, a son, James.

Quici—On April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quici, of Belleville, a son.

Ishler—On April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ishler, of Spring township, a daughter.

Wian—On April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Wian, of Benner township, a son.

McClellan—On April 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McClellan, of Spring township, a son, Samuel Morris.

Hockenberry—On April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hockenberry, of Spring township, a daughter.

Smith—On April 6, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Belleville, a daughter, Cornelia Jane.

To Have New Cattle Barn at State College.

Plans for a new beef cattle barn at The Pennsylvania State College have been approved by the college trustees, and the erection of his greatly needed building will probably be started in the near future. The barn, which will cost about \$38,000 will be among the finest of its kind in the country, and will be located adjoining the splendid dairy barn on the college farms. It will replace a dilapidated old group of wooden structures known as the "West Barns" to which many farmers would not care to claim ownership.

While the materials of which the new cattle barn are to be constructed are probably more expensive than those which most farmers would wish, the interior arrangement will be within the range of possibility for any cattleman. The exterior construction will be stucco over hollow tile to conform with the neighboring dairy barn. A cattle shed will be attached to the barn, and a silo will be placed at either end. The new equipment will greatly facilitate the college work on feeding experiments each year. This barn and the first unit of a men's dormitory, will be erected with the \$250,000 building fund granted by the last State Legislature.

CENTRE HALL.

Prof. L. N. Bartges will open a summer school on May 22nd.

Miss Sarah Zettle and Ernest Benner were united in marriage during the past week.

A district Sunday school convention was held in the Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon and evening.

The Grammar school closed on Wednesday; the intermediate grade will close on Friday; the other schools will close on Friday, May 12th.

Miss Byrd Stover, of Rebersburg, is again in our midst, teaching a large class of pupils in music. Her pupils are studying piano, violin and mandolin.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Reformed church on Sunday evening by Rev. J. F. Bingham, pastor of the United Evangelical church.

Some of our Odd Fellows went to Sunbury last Wednesday to help celebrate their 203rd anniversary. Some went to Tyrone Friday, to help the western Odd Fellows celebrate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.—In the Estate of Evalina T. Wilkinson, late of the borough of Belleville, Centre county, Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said decedent are requested to make the same known, and all persons indebted to the said decedent are requested to make payment thereof without delay, to:

CHARLOTTE J. POWELL, Executrix, Belleville, Pa.

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